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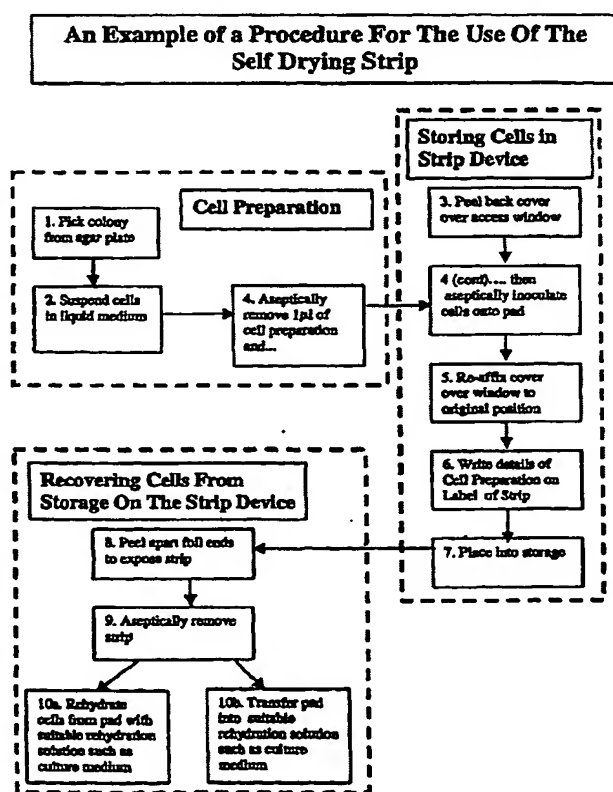
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(54) Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING OF MICRO-ORGANISMS



(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a method and device for drying cells for long-term storage by placing a preparation containing the micro-organisms into a resealable strip device which houses dry, water absorbent material and at least one protective substance, whereby the volume of the micro-organism preparation and the amount and type of the drying preparation are chosen such that after the addition of the preparation of the micro-organisms the water absorbent preparation is able to absorb the water contained in the added sample and remain substantially dry, in so doing rendering the micro-organisms substantially dry.

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